



February 27, 2007

H.R. 494 – To provide for the conditional conveyance of any interest retained by the United States in St. Joseph Memorial Hall in St. Joseph, Michigan

Floor Situation

H.R. 494 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Fred Upton (R-MI) on January 16, 2007, and has not been considered by any committee in the 110th Congress.

H.R. 494 is expected to be considered on the floor on February 27, 2007.

Summary

H.R. 494 gives the city of St. Joseph, MI a clean title to the St. Joseph Memorial Hall. In consideration, the city of St. Joseph is to pay \$10,000 to the federal government.

Background

The city of St. Joseph has redevelopment plans that are jeopardized by the deed restriction on St. Joseph Memorial Hall. The purpose of the land exchange is to remove this deed restriction.

St. Joseph, MI received the building and property from the federal government in 1935 with a deed restriction that limits the use of the property to public purposes.

In the 109th Congress, similar legislation, H.R. 4700, passed the House of Representatives on May 3, 2006 by voice vote but was not considered by the Senate.

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